

REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 1-3, 5-15, 17-18, 27 and 33-35 and for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 30-32. Claims 28 and 30 are amended in the present amendment. Claims 4, 16, 22 and 23 were previously cancelled and claims 19-21 and 24-26 were previously withdrawn. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-15, 17, 18 and 27-35 are presently under consideration in this application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following arguments.

II. AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 28 has been rewritten as a dependent claim depending from allowed claim 3. Claim 30 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim (claim 28) and any intervening claims (claim 29), and therefore claims 30-32 are in condition for allowance. Applicants submit that these amendments do not add any new matter.

III. RESPONSE TO THE CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 28 and 29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,662,749 (Bushchow) in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,323,586 (Burne et al.). As noted above, claim 28 has been amended so as to depend from allowed claim 3. Therefore claims 28 and 29 are allowable over Bushchow and Burne et al.

IV. CONCLUSION

A genuine effort to resolve all issues has been made. For the above stated reasons, all of the claims presently pending in this application are believed to be allowable. Accordingly, such action is respectfully requested.

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